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6 January 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: SA *E* to the DCI for Compartmentation

FROM:

Deputy Chief, APEX Control Staff

SUBJECT: APEX Steering Group Meeting, 6 January 1981

1. The 49th meeting of the APEX Steering Group met on 6 January 1981. The following attended:

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SECOM	<input type="text"/>	25X1
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Navy	Richard Welch	
DIA	<input type="text"/>	25X1
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State	William P. Deary	
Navy	G. L. Berkin	
CIA	<input type="text"/>	25X1
State	Donald Stigers	
DIA	<input type="text"/>	25X1
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2. The Chairman announced that the NFIB meeting on the APEX issues has been set for 12 January 1981. The issue papers prepared by the APEX Control Staff have been sent to the Acting DCI for signature and transmittal to the NFIB members. These issue papers do not purport to present a balanced view of the issues but simply attempt to synopsize the issues as stated by the proponents. The staff work for the NFIB principals will, therefore, have to be done by the Steering Group members before the meeting. ☐

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3. It was reported that the HUMINT Manual will be scheduled for NFIB action with only Justice and Treasury having submitted comments. Justice expressed a wish to have counterintelligence operations included in the HUMINT compartment and asked for relaxation of the originator controls on HUMINT. Treasury made a similar request for relaxation of the originator control aspect of HUMINT. Although Treasury accepted the explanation that the controls do not preclude placing a buckslip or a covering memo on reports going to the head of the agency, Justice neither accepted that explanation nor the DDO and FBI agreed position that counterintelligence should not be included in the HUMINT compartment. It may be expected that these issues will be aired before the NFIB. ☐

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4. The Chairman stated that while he does not know what will happen at the 12 January NFIB meeting, he does not believe the DCI will accept the termination of APEX. If NFIB expresses a desire to terminate the program, ☐ said he believes the DCI will pass the matter on to Mr. Casey for decision. A paper was passed out listing 13 matters which should be dealt with during the transition to the new administration. The Chairman considers it necessary to deal with these items in order to maintain momentum toward changes which appear to have more or less general acceptance in the Community. If we are to make progress toward these objectives, he said, we must pursue these matters. It is important to provide the new DCI with a list of things on which there is a general consensus in order to avoid having certain beneficial aspects of the Steering Group's work washed out in the changeover; for example, he believes it would be catastrophic to bring work on the 4C Program to a halt at this critical point. In response to Mr. Deary's question, ☐ stated that these matters could and should be pursued even if a negative decision is reached regarding the APEX program per se. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to an item-by-item discussion of the list of transition actions. ☐

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5. Although there was considerable discussion of each of the transition points, in the interest of brevity, the remainder of these minutes will consist of the attached list of transition actions, revised as agreed by the APEX Steering Group. ☐

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